



South End Neighborhood Council

4911 S. Alaska Street, Fire Station #8, Suite B
Tacoma, WA 98408

Monthly Meeting Minutes January 25, 2016

Present: Earl Brydson, Cary Nilson, William King, Janis Clark, Kristin King, Tony Rendina

Absent: John Pellessier (excused), Tony Caldwell (excused), Brandon Jones

Called to order 7:03pm

Motion to approve October and November minutes approved.

Update to Agenda: Special Guest with Healthy Homes Healthy Neighborhoods

Patrick Babbitt

- does Spanish classes for residential outreach
- works as a contractor with Healthy Homes Healthy Neighborhoods
 - canvased over 400 households, 1000 to do, February through June
 - bounded by Pacific on East, 43rd on South, S M on west, 35th and Division on North
 - goal - eco-friendly cost savings
 - natural yard care and gardening
 - home weatherization
 - ask questions to find out current needs
 - attending community meetings for awareness
 - holding events to bring community together and give access to info
 - March community breakfast at Lincoln High School
 - April neighborhood walking tour
 - S 38th, business district
 - community gardens
 - coupons/discounts for TaGrow soil/fertilizer
 - working with the one on S 48th
- partners/sponsors provide most of the services
 - Patrick and the city work with existing companies to make resources more available

Cory Darlington, TPD

- Sector Commander for the East Side
- burglaries down in 2015, but car prowls up.
 - Avoid 'crime of opportunity' – never leave valuables or things that could be perceived as valuables in the car
 - spare change, bags, etc
 - put in trunk if need to
 - goal to reduce in 2016
- violence reduction team
 - attributed to drug and gang activity
 - arrested 21 individuals in the last month for various offenses
- looking to hire women and minorities
 - February 13 training
 - Criminal Justice Training Commission at 19010 1st Ave S, Burien, WA
 - 10am - 2pm
 - 12 open positions
 - takes about 1.5 years of training altogether
- tagging/graffiti difficult crime to solve
 - usually geographic, confined to a district
 - key to fix it up as quickly and as much as possible
 - as a misdemeanor, doesn't have huge penalties
- Audience question: prostitution close to Calico Hotel on Pacific Ave, early in the morning
 - TPD has done special investigation on that location, do have to refocus their efforts to that location, as there is also drug activity
 - worked on Morgan Motel situation
 - coordinate with business owners
 - Uhaul has purchased the old Church of God property at 92nd and Pacific

Metro Parks – Terena Jovera

- 198million for capital improvements voted on last year
 - check out metro parks website for updates on improvements
 - leave comments online
- Winter/Spring calendars are available
 - Feb 6 – Free nature walks Tacoma Nature Center
 - Feb 12 – wine and chocolate at Conservatory
- Go Guide has recreational programs
- 50 and Better (FAB)
 - STAR Center on S 66th
 - Monday lunch program soup and sandwich 11:30 – 1pm
 - Monday ballroom dance, \$5, with coffee and snacks
 - Enumclaw Wine and Chocolate Festival at High Goddess

India Adams – City Manager

- Minimum wage update

- Feb 1 effective - 10.35/hr
- 80+ hrs per year
- Marijuana initiative - 6month moratorium
- Click Engagement Committee
 - meeting every Friday to help TPU
 - started last Friday
- Proposed methanol plant
 - next meeting Tues Feb 16, 6:30pm, 4402 Nassau Ave NE
 - Center for Urban Waters events Feb 11, 25; Mar 3, 10. series of informed conversations at UWT's Joy building
- Lunar New Year Celebration
 - City of Tacoma partnering with local businesses for Feb 13, 10am to 5pm, S 38th St

Tacoma Schools - Lisa Nolan

- TPS great place to work, and as a parent, good place for your kids
- reached record high grad rate of 82.6%
 - decrease in drop out rate
 - ethnic demographic groups, low income - more have graduated than ever before
 - p-12 experience, effort beginning as early as elementary school
- boundary revisions
 - this Thursday's school board meeting will hear recommendation for boundary revisions
 - Arlington, Manitou, Edison, DeLong, Whittier, Franklin, possibly Reed, Gray, Truman
 - took about 5 months with committee members from the community
 - families with multiple children
 - business areas
 - transportation impact
 - 4 Schools of Distinction
 - Geiger, Wilson, Lincoln, Stafford elementary
 - 5 years of improvements in reading and math
 - January is the Tacoma Whole Child Month - raise community awareness for social and emotional needs of Tacoma's children
 - 10yr project, phasing in staff training program to support positive behaviors
- Janis - heard of a child being bullied by a teacher. What can they do?
 - Each year student's get a handbook with procedures and contacts. Have them email them and/or Lisa Nolan
- next month expect updates on construction

Earl

- Discuss projects and ways to build up membership, open to the board and the audience

- reviewed Tony's suggestions from 2015
 - POW flag discussion
- Korbett Mosesly
 - to spend up to 10hrs support for every neighborhood council in the district
 - increase capacity for outreach and marketing goals for each council
 - determine top 3 goals
 - outreach methods
 - website
 - track visits with analytics
 - pictures of board members
 - pamphlets
 - partnering with different community groups in the area, being a communication hub
 - unified, relevant messaging on why to get engaged
 - email newsletter
 - measure engagement
- William:
 - most attendance when there is a hot topic like Winco, transportation
- Korbett
 - Major Goals:
 - People in Chairs
 - email campaign - Korbett and Kristin coordinate
 - set up a system that can be used at least 1x/month
 - what's coming up, what's happened
 - link to website
 - social media - facebook
 - topic-specific engagement
 - roads, pot holes, crime, sidewalks, marijuana moratorium, methanol
 - India Adams - show up to Citizen's Forum, Tuesday meetings, taking Transportation recommendations
 - communication plan for flyers, different audiences, outreach
 - what's the goal, strategy, target audiences
 - outreach to diverse populations
 - in-person
 - attend community meetings like Safe Streets
 - door-to-door canvassing around a particular issue in a particular area

Discussion of Topics

- transportation
 - send letter to Transportation Commission
 - is something being planned for Sheridan sidewalk? Have them attend a SENCo meeting

- India to report the concern to the City
- crime?

Audience member - consideration: no more pot shops like at 72nd and Pacific, in between liquor stores, brought a bad element in. Local businesses like US Bank, Rite Aid, Fred Meyer opposed.

Earl distributed board member contact list for the board to review.

Cary, Vice Chair:

- Lunar New Year - February 13th
- Destiny Middle School - new charter school
- Lincoln Revitalization - items that will be incorporated in the design
 - meeting on Feb 17 at office on 38th and Clark at 6:30pm

Janis, Treasurer

- as of Dec 31, 2015
 - \$6965.23 in checking
 - \$2,122.30 in savings
- Public Utilities
 - \$39.25 bill
 - Janis to go to Harborstone Credit Union to be added to the account so she can write checks
 - possibly change to other credit union depending on requirements

Adjournment at 9:11pm